

SUBSIDIARY INSTRUCTIONS RELATIVE TO THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR PRIORITY ASSISTANCE IN PROCURING SUPPLIES OF MATERIALS OR ARTICLES FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The form should be used in connection with all applications, that is to say, not only with those for materials required to maintain continuity of operations but also with those for materials required for such new works, additions or extensions to existing works, as may be classified as war work.

2. Priority applications should be submitted in all cases where a priority certificate from the Ministry of Munitions is required before manufacture or issue of stock is allowed, or where the War Trade Department before issuing an export license, requires the production of such a certificate.

3. The Ministry of Munitions does not deal with the supply of paper and its priority scheme is, therefore, not applicable in respect of paper goods.

4. No priority certificates are necessary for medicines. The export from the United Kingdom of a large number of drugs has, however, been prohibited and medicines, patent or otherwise, containing these drugs are ordinarily unobtainable from the United Kingdom.

5. The export from the United Kingdom of all foodstuff which cannot be shown to be both indispensable and absolutely unobtainable elsewhere, has been prohibited.

6. No assistance can be expected in the matter of priority for orders connected with extensions of mills or factories whether in the nature of buildings, plant or machinery, unless such extensions are supported as urgent and essential for the conduct of the war. Extensions or enterprises having for their object the encouragement of local industries in India are not considered as sufficiently urgent or important to demand priority for any materials which may be asked for for such purposes.

7. It is also impracticable to secure assistance for any works of local importance, e.g., water works, sanitary schemes, electric lighting projects, etc., even though they may be important from the standpoint of local interest.

8. Sufficient care should be exercised by applicants in answering the questions on the form and complete information should be given. It is in the interests of the applicants themselves that this request is made. The applications are finally dealt with by the Priority Branch of the Ministry of Munitions in London, which in most cases, has no information in regard to the work carried on by the applicant, except that contained in the form of application.

9. Applicants engaged on Government work should be careful to reply fully to question 2 on the form.

10. Special attention is drawn to the principle laid down by the Ministry of Munitions that all demands must be allocated to a definite purpose and use. Question 6 in the application form is intended to elucidate the specific purpose for which the application is made and the Munitions Board does not ordinarily consider that "to meet ordinary trade requirements," "for structural purposes," or "to replenish stocks," etc., are adequate reasons for granting priority certificates even though the stocks in question have been disposed of to a Government Department for "war" purposes.

11. In answer to question 7, the attempts made to obtain the material or a substitute in India should always be briefly outlined.

12. Demands for stock by industrial concerns or dealers to meet their ordinary consumption should not exceed three months' requirements.

MYSORE RESIDENT'S OFFICE, Bangalore, the 24th January 1918.

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PRIORITY ASSISTANCE.

The form of application for priority assistance in procuring supplies of materials or articles from the United Kingdom, has been revised and copies of the new form can be obtained on application to the Manager, Residency Press, Bangalore, at 2 pies each.

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By Order,

C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,
Chief Secretary to Government.